

DEAD WORDS LIST

Some words in the English language tend to be overused and, therefore, lose their power. These words are referred to as **DEAD WORDS**. Below is a list of dead words and some interesting alternatives.

This list is not limited to just these words!

| DEAD WORDS | ALTERNATIVES |
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| YOU | THERE ARE NO ALTERNATIVES! WE DO NOT WRITE IN SECOND PERSON IN AN ESSAY! |
| a lot, lots | Numerous, heaps, many scores, innumerable, much a great deal, many times, often |
| also | Too, moreover, besides, as well as, in addition to |
| awesome, cool, rad | fine, wonderful, marvelous, fantastic, excellent |
| awful | dreadful, alarming, frightful, terrible, horrid, shocking |
| but | however, moreover, yet, still, nevertheless, though, although, on the other had |
| fun | pleasant, pleasurable, amusing, entertaining, jolly |
| funny | amusing, comical, laughable, jovial, strange, peculiar, unusual |
| got, get | received, obtained, attained, succeed in |
| good | excellent, exceptional, fine, marvelous, splendid, superb, wonderful |
| great | wonderful, outstanding, marvelous, fantastic, excellent |
| guy | man, person, fellow, boy, individual |
| have to | need to, must |
| jump | Bounce, dive, drop, fall, hurtle, jerk, jolt, leap, lurch, nosedive, plummet plunge, pounce, upsurge, vault |
| kid | child, boy, girl, youngster, youth, teen, teenager, adolescent |
| like | such as, similar to, similarly |
| mad | angry, frustrated, furious, incensed, enraged, irate |
| nice | pleasant, charming, fascinating, captivating, delightful, pleasurable, pleasing |
| pretty | attractive, comely, beautiful |
| run | break, race, rush, spurt, amble, bound, canter, dart, dash, escape, fall, flight, gallop, jog, lope, pace, scamper, scuttle, spring, sprint, tear, trot, whisk |
| scared | afraid, fearful, terrified, frightened |
| so | this, according, therefore |
| then | first, second, next, later, finally, afterwards, meanwhile, soon |
| very | extremely, exceedingly, fantastically, unusually, incredibly, intensely, truly, fully, especially, shockingly, bitterly, immeasurable, infinitely, severely, surely, mightily, powerfully, chiefly |

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| R (Replace) | A (Add) | D and (Delete) | R (Re-order) |
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| Replace: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overused words• Weak verbs with strong verbs• Weak adjectives with strong adjectives• Common nouns with proper nouns• “dead” words | Add: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detail• Description• New information• Figurative language• Development• To clarify meaning• To expand ideas | Delete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unnecessary repetitions• Unimportant or irrelevant information• Parts that might belong in another piece of writing | Re-order: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The sequence to produce a desired effect• For a more logical order |